GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:442
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SCARCITY OF WATER
C. SREENIVAASAN

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether a high level delegation from Tamil Nadu met the Prime Minister recently to seek his intervention to save the standing crops in the State which are on the verge of destruction due to scarcity of water;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken by the Government in the matter ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SMT. BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY)

(a) & (b) An all-Party delegation from Tamil Nadu met the Hon'ble Prime Minister on 11.09.2001 and presented a Memorandum seeking the Prime Minister's intervention to ensure the release of 1000 Million Cubic Feet of waterper day till the end of October to save the standing 'kuruvai' crops.

(c) A meeting of the Cauvery River Authority under the Chairmanshipof the Prime Minister was convened on 10th October 2001. After taking note of the drought conditions in the basin in both the States of Tamil Nadu & Karnataka, the Authoritydirected the Government of Karnataka to ensure inflows at Mettur as stipulated by the Tribunal, especially, in view of the situation being faced in the Cauvery basin of Tamil Nadu. The Authorityalso decided to work out an acceptable and equitable procedure for pro-rata sharing of the distress and accordingly requested the basin States to put forward their specific suggestions for consideration by the Authority.